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Claims What is claimed is:

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## Abstract

-- The invention relates to a A method for converting heat energy to mechanical energy by includes expanding an evaporated working fluid with an expansion device (2) connected to an evaporator (6). It is provided according to the present invention that the The expansion is carried out in a low-pressure expansion device and the energy contained in the expanded evaporated working fluid can be recycled into the evaporator (6) and utilized for evaporating additional working fluid.

Fig. 1 --

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